(i) Seminars/workshops for authors, publishers, illustrators, publishers involved in development of children's literature.

(ii) Reader's club movement More than forty thousand Reader's clubs are established in schools, non-formal education centres, libraries all over the country. The NCCL provides books worth Rs. 250/- as an incentive to each new club.

(iii) NCCL library The NCCL has set up a reference library of children's literature with a stock of more than ten thousand books from about thirty six countries in eleven Indian & sixteen foreign languages.

(iv) Organization of exhibitions of children's books in the country to populatrize them.

(b) No Sir, the Government has no award scheme for children's literature.

Non-Payment of salary of employees of Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Jangia

†430. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Jangia, Himachal Pradesh have not been paid salary for the last 20 months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when they will be paid their salary;

(c) whether Government would consider to transfer the employees to other college for the smooth functionign of the college;

(d) whether Government propose to appoint a regular and competent principal in the college; and

(e) whether Government propose to dissolve the existing Managing Committee of the College and to constitute a new under the direct control of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As informed by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Development which operates the scheme for the Adarsh Mahavidyalayas, the salary grant released by them on 25-6-02 to Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Jangla, Himachal Pradesh was returned to them by the Mahavidyalaya. The bank account of the Mahavidyalaya is jointly operated by the Chairman of the Managing Committee and the Principal of the College. The appointment of the Chairman of the Managing Committee has been stayed by Court. As a result, the salary grant released to the college by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, could not be deposited since the bank account has become non-operational. As soon as the stay on the functioning of the Chairman is vacated, the grant would be made available to the Mahavidyalaya by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan.

(c) and (d) The services of the employees of Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas are not transferable. As per the scheme Principal is appointed by the Managing Committee.

(e) No, Sir. The Government has no proposal to dissolve the existing Managing Committee.

Action plan to protect the rights of children

431. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) has there been an action plan recently to protect the rights of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how would it help to protect the children's rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government is in the process of preparing a National Plan of Action for Children which will contain the goals, objectives and strategies in order to improve the situation of the children in the country.

Rank to private engineering and management colleges

432. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :